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AN ACT to amend Chapter 519 of the Private Acts of 1911 as amended by Chapter 189 of the Private Acts of 1965 relative to the Town of Rogersville.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 519 of the Private Acts of 1911, as amended by Chapter 189 of the Private Acts of 1965, is amended by deleting Section 21 of the Charter of the Town of Rogersville and substituting instead the following:

(a) The town is hereby authorized and empowered through its mayor and board of aldermen, or as may be otherwise provided by law, to provide the town with waterworks, sewers, drains, etc. and to contract for the same by means of a bond issue or issues or as otherwise provided by law.

(b) There shall be a water commission established consisting of six (6) persons. The three (3) incumbent members of the current water commission shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of their current terms. Thereafter, those three (3) positions shall continue to be elected by the board of mayor and aldermen for terms of six (6) years. The mayor shall appoint from among the members of the board of mayor and aldermen to the water commission three (3) members who shall serve during their current terms of office. The commissioners shall elect from among the three (3) non-aldermen commissioners the chair of the water commission. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the commission and shall not vote on any issue brought before the commission except to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote.

(c) At every meeting of the commission, attendance by four (4) or more of the commissioners, including the chair, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the commission.

(d) A commissioner may not be removed except for charges of misconduct or incapacity or a misdemeanor in office after a written charge has been filed against the commissioner and notice and a hearing given to the commissioner so charged. The board of mayor and aldermen shall hold a hearing on any charge, and may remove a commissioner upon sustaining a charge by a vote of at least five (5) members.

(e) The recorder of the town shall serve as treasurer of the water commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Rogersville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Rogersville and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 2.

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